



PROJECT 60

** The First Year of a Two Year Demonstration Project*

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**Excerpts from New Orleans Conference Presentation*

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24 Collaborating Agencies

LAC Supervisors

LAC CEO

LAC DPH

LAC DMH

LAC DHS

LAC DPSS

LAC ADPA

LAC Sheriff

LAC Probation

CDC

LAHSA

US Veterans Affairs

LA City Mayor's Office

LAPD

LA City Attorney's Office

HACLA

Common Ground

Skid Row Housing Trust

Didi Hirsch

JWCH

VOA

Courts

Public Defender

Public Counsel

Project 50 Replications

Venice – Project 80 - St. Joseph Center

- Registry in 2009, updated in 2011
- Scattered site housing

Santa Monica – Project 200 - Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), Step Up on Second, St. Joseph Center, City of Santa Monica

- Registry in 2009
- Scattered site housing

San Fernando Valley - Project 70 – SFV Community Mental Health Center

- Registry in 2009
- Scattered site and short term transitional housing

Hollywood – Project 40 – Step Up on Second

- Registry in May 2010
- Scattered site housing

Veterans Administration – Project 60/120 – VA, LA County, Non-profit Providers

- Registry being conducted from current Project 50 replication caseloads
 - HUD-VASH scattered site housing
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Project 60 Overview

- In February 2011, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System in collaboration with Federal, County, local government and non-profit agencies launched Project 60.
 - A two year demonstration project to assist 60 of the most vulnerable, chronically homeless veterans in Venice, Santa Monica, Hollywood, and Van Nuys, to move off the streets and into Permanent Supportive Housing through a Housing First approach.
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Project 60 Overview

- Public partners include VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Veterans Benefit Administration, Congressman Henry Waxman, LAC Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LAC Department of Mental Health, Housing Authority of the County of LA, Housing Authority of the City of LA, Housing Authority of the City of Santa Monica, and Social Security Administration.
 - Private non-profit community homeless services provider partners include OPCC (Santa Monica), Step Up on Second (Hollywood), St. Joseph Center (Venice), and San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center (Van Nuys).
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Project 60 Goals

- Goals of Project 60 are to aggressively engage vulnerable chronically homeless veterans and move them off the streets into permanent supportive housing; provide resources and services to stabilize and improve physical and mental health; and holistically facilitate and promote continued independent living in the community.
 - Target population includes high-risk homeless individuals, many with chronic mental health, substance abuse, and medical issues. Target areas include Venice, Santa Monica, Hollywood and Van Nuys.
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Project 60 Integrated Healthcare Supportive Services

- Project 60 uses Integrated Healthcare Supportive Service Teams (IHSSTs) which are interagency (VA, federal/county/local government, community nonprofits) and interdisciplinary (MDs, social workers, nurses, peer support, outreach, benefits counselors).
 - IHSSTs collaboratively serve high-risk chronically homeless veterans, move them into permanent supportive housing utilizing HUD-VASH vouchers and provide physical and mental health, and substance abuse treatment and case management.
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Current Project 60 Status

96 vulnerable chronically homeless clients

- 85 enrolled
 - 11 in outreach
 - **49 housed or alternatively housed**
 - **10 in transitional housing**
 - **2 in process of being housed**
 - **12 in progress for HUD-VASH vouchers**
 - 2 relocated
 - 2 in jail (1 was housed prior to jail)
 - 4 no contact
 - 1 unable to house
 - 4 deceased
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Bi-weekly Multi-agency Team Meetings Include Nonprofit Community Partners

Structured interagency team meetings with NCP, LAC and VA staff have yielded positive results.

- ❖ Bi-weekly multi-agency leadership team meetings guide the process and problem solving.
 - ❖ Knowledge of how to navigate the complex VA and County Systems of Care is evolving and has been beneficial.
 - ❖ Multiple providers have increased the ability to provide integrated supportive services.
 - ❖ Case Conferencing to problem solve and delineate innovative interventions creates continuity of care.
 - ❖ Weekly smaller NCP/VA meetings have helped to further integrate services, client care, and feelings of collaboration.
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The Good News

The Project 60 two year multi-agencies effort will achieve its goal to serve 60 chronically homeless veterans in significantly less than two years.

- ❖ Project 60 is in the midst of expanding to Project 120 and to possibly scale up to serve an even greater number of severely disabled chronically homeless veterans in the County of Los Angeles.
 - ❖ Innovative brainstorming, commitments and partnerships are being explored to secure the necessary resources including VA mental health, health and substance disorder services for the Housing First, Permanent Supportive Housing model.
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Moving Forward

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's 2011 Homeless Count reports 51,340 individuals are homeless in Los Angeles County. More than 9,200 individuals are homeless veterans including approximately 2,800 chronically homeless veterans.

- ❖ A comprehensive plan is being developed to end veteran homelessness in Los Angeles County, including scaling up the Project 60 model of the Housing First, Permanent Supportive Housing approach to serve chronically homeless veterans with severe mental illness.
 - ❖ A significant challenge to serving chronically homeless veterans is the need for seamless access to VA mental health, health and substance disorder services in the community to support clients placed in permanent supportive housing.
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Project 60 Team

February 10, 2011

